

What is claimed:

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1. A surveillance system, comprising:

(a) a primary video camera for translating real images of an area into electronic video signals at a first level of resolution;

(b) means for sampling movements of an individual or individuals located within the area from the video signal output of from said at least one primary video camera;

(c) means for electronically comparing the video signals of said sampled movements with predetermined characteristics of movements which are indicative of individuals engaged in criminal activity;

(d) means for determining the level of said criminal activity, said determining means being dependent on said electronic comparing means; and

(e) means for generating a signal indicating presence of a predetermined level of criminal activity.

2. The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said signal generating means activates a video signal recorder for recording said video signals from said at least one primary camera.

3. The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said signal generating means activates a microphone for receiving audible information of said individuals located in said area.

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The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said

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signal generating means activates at least one secondary high resolution camera.